

PATENT Docket No. 400-009

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3728

Andrea F. Bell

Examiner: J. Foster

Entitled: UTILITY APRON

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patents and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of July 5, 2001, thereby extending the response period to January 5, 2002. A check for payment of the fee of \$ 460.00 is attached. If there are any other fees due in connection with this application, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 501324.

Dated: January 7, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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